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**RE: Appn. No.: 10/018,026
Appeal 2006-2266**

Dear Examiner Casler,

I am writing you as a follow up to my voice mail regarding the above-referenced application. As you may know, a decision on this application was made by the Appeals Board on May 22, 2007.

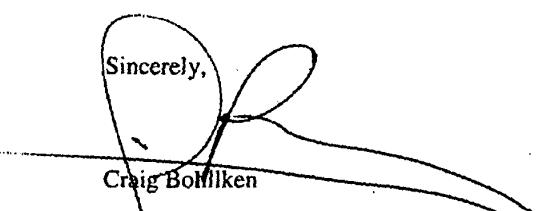
Applicants facsimiled Examiner Ruth Smith our claim amendments per the Appeals Boards decision on June 21, 2007. Applicants then followed up with a phone call to Examiner Smith to confirm her safe receipt. Applicants have patiently waited for the allowance of these claims since that time. Unfortunately, it has now been over 5 months since the Board's decision and our claims have yet to be allowed.

Then, on September 26, 2007, Applicants were unexpectedly mailed an Office Action from Examiner Smith. The Office Action stated in part that we had a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD to answer the Office Action to avoid abandonment. Applicants are perplexed as to why Examiner Smith sent Applicants this Office Action when we had sent our claim amendments to her back on June 21, 2007?

Attached is the transmission report along with our amended claims sent on June 21, 2007.

In view of the aforementioned, Applicants are extremely discouraged by the inept handling of this case. Applicants are requesting the allowance of these claims be expedited and a patent term adjustment be applied to this case as well.

If you have any questions and/or comments please feel free to contact me at 609-514-6530.



Sincerely,

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 Appeal 2006-2266

Dear Examiner Smith,

Per USPTO rules, Applicant is given a one-month time period from the mailing date of the decision, May 22, 2007 in this case, in which to present the dependent claim in independent form.

Additionally, per the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision dated May 22, 2007 regarding the above-referenced appeal please see our attached amendments. In accordance with the Board's decision it is now believed that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Please contact me to discuss at 609-514-6530. Many thanks.

Best regards,

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Abbreviations:

HS: Host send
 HR: Host receive
 WS: Waiting send

PL: Polled local
 PR: Polled remote
 MS: Mailbox save

MP: Mailbox print
 CP: Completed
 FA: Fail

TU: Terminated by user
 TS: Terminated by system
 RP: Report
 G3: Group 3
 EC: Error Correct